

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 11, 2012, AT  
6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL BOARDROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Shimizu, Chairman, John Glauser, Gayle Conger, Pat Menlove,  
Dean Smart, Jerri Harwell, Bev Lund

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sylvia Orton

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Peterson, City Councilman, Max Evans

Tom Shimizu, Chairman, began the meeting at 6:35 P.M. He passed out copies of the committee's roster and also copies of the City's Code of Ordinances and asked the committee to read through it at a later time to become familiar with our duties. He then went on to introduce a special guest he had asked to attend our meeting. Max Evans is past Director of the Utah State Historical Society, past Executive Director of The National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and presently employed in the Historical Department of the LDS Church. Our committee hopes to make use of his expertise in gathering information on history and historic sites for the City.

The Historic Committee has a new City liaison. Mr. Shimizu introduced Councilman Mike Peterson. Mr. Peterson is delighted in being assigned to our committee as he also has a love for history. His family moved into our area in 1953 and before his venture into politics was director for eleven years of the Cottonwood Heights Recreational Center. A short introduction of each of the committee members followed.

Mr. Shimizu reported that he had attended a volunteer's seminar sponsored by the Utah Advisory Records Board. He had also requested an ad placed in the "Journal" advertizing the openings on our board. He has received one response. He mentioned that he needed a list of our member's terms of office. Councilman Peterson agreed to provide the information.

Reading from the City's Code of Ordinances Mr. Shimizu pointed out the two main objectives, the designation of sites, buildings, and artifacts and the preservation of the written history of the area. In line with this, he purposed that the committee be divided into two areas. The first will be sites, building and artifacts, headed by John Glauser. Mr. Shimizu will head the other which will include history, both written and oral.

Mr. Shimizu advised the committee that he would like to assign every committee member to chair a subcommittee and would like to hear their opinions. However, before the discussion could begin the subject changed to what qualifies as a historic site and no assignments were made at this meeting.

Mr. Shimizu questioned whether our committee needed to post the date and times of our meetings on the City's website. Councilman Peterson said that all of the City's committees are advisory only and it's his understanding that as such we are not required to post that information, however, our meetings are open to anyone within the community who would like to attend. The Utah Open Meetings law would require we post notification of the meeting if we had a quorum (three) of the City Council in attendance.

Before ending the meeting Mr. Shimizu reminded the committee to read the "Code of Ordinances." He also asked Councilman Peterson to find out the amount of our current budget. Our next meeting will be February 8, 2011, 6:30 P.M. He adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.